

# **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**

Advisory Council MPA  
Subcommittee Report  
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# Objectives for SAC MPA Subcommittee

per motion from August 2008 SAC meeting

- 1) Assist the Sanctuary in clarifying the overall decision-making process it will use for determining the establishment of MPAs in federal waters of the Sanctuary.
- 2) Assist the Sanctuary in clarifying how the MPA Working Group and Science Panel processes would fit into the Sanctuary's overall decision-making process regarding the establishment of MPAs.
- 3) Advise the Superintendent on the stakeholder membership categories to be represented on the proposed MPA Working Group.
- 4) Advise the Superintendent on the areas of expertise to be included on the proposed Science Panel.

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- 5) Assist the Sanctuary in clarifying the roles, responsibilities, and operating procedures for the proposed MPA Working Group and the Science Panel, including how the two groups would interact and work with each other.
- 6) Assist the Sanctuary in developing the Application Process that would be used in recruiting potential members of the MPA Working Group and the Science Panel, as well as the criteria that would be used in evaluating applications and selecting members.
- 7) Assist the Sanctuary in reviewing MPA Working Group applications and provide its recommendations on membership to the Superintendent.

**Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 27**